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SUBJECT: PROPOSED STUDY OF EARTHQUAKE EFFECTS IN JAPAN

1. THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) IS CONSIDERING SENDING A TEAM OF GEOLOGISTS, ENGINEERS AND SEISMOLOGISTS (3 TO 5 PEOPLE) TO JAPAN TO STUDY EFFECTS OF JUNE 12 EARTHQUAKE CENTERING OFFSHORE FROM SENDAI. IF SET, THE TEAM MEMBERS WOULD NEED TO CONTACT JAPANESE COUNTERPARTS TO STUDY THE EFFECTS BUT WOULD DO SO WITH MINIMUM INTERRUPTION.

2. SOME REPORTS CONCERNING THIS MAGNITUDE 7.5 EARTHQUAKE HAVE INDICATED THAT IT CAUSED EXTENSIVE GROUND EFFECT SUCH AS LANDSLIDES, SUBSIDENCE AND LIQUEFACTION. ALTHOUGH CONTACTS WITH JAPANESE IN THE US HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY USGS, A DECISION ON ASSEMBLING A TEAM WOULD BE EXPEDITED IF YOU COULD PROVIDE INFORMATION ON FOLLOWING:

(A) EXTENT AND SEVERITY OF EARTHQUAKE EFFECTS, ESPECIALLY LANDSLIDES, SUBSIDENCE AND LIQUEFACTIONS IN BOTH DEVELOPED UNCLASSIFIED

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AND UNDEVELOPED AREAS.

(B) NAMES OF JAPANESE AGENCY OR AGENCIES WITH LEAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR INVESTIGATION OF EARTHQUAKE EFFECTS.

(C) ADVICE ON WHETHER TEAM COULD USEFULLY BRING ITS OWN PORTABLE EQUIPMENT.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS ON THIS PROPOSED STUDY. CHRISTOPHER

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